

Attached herewith are verified photographic evidences, including high-resolution images of victims, scenes of mob violence, destroyed minority properties, screenshots of international news coverage, and scanned newspaper articles—each serving as visual corroboration of the crimes outlined in this petition and demonstrating the widespread and systematic nature of the atrocities committed under the unelected interim regime.

## *As Bangladesh Reinvents Itself, Islamist Hard-Liners See an Opening*

A brewing shift toward religious conservatism has emerged from the political vacuum in this country of 175 million people.

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Waiting to break the Ramadan fast this month at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mohammad Ponir Hossain/Reuters

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Reporting from Taraganj and Dhaka in Bangladesh

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The extremists began by asserting control over women's bodies.

In the political vacuum that has emerged after the overthrow of Bangladesh's authoritarian leader, religious fundamentalists in one town declared that young women could no longer play soccer. In another, they forced the police to free a man who had harassed a woman for not covering her hair in public, then draped him in garlands of flowers.

More brazen calls followed.

Demonstrators at a rally in Dhaka, the capital, warned that if the government did not give the death penalty to anyone who disrespected Islam, they would carry out executions with their own hands. Days later, an outlawed group held a large march demanding an Islamic caliphate.

As Bangladesh tries to [rebuild its democracy](#) and chart a new future for its 175 million people, a streak of Islamist extremism that had long lurked beneath the country's secular facade is bubbling to



## Bangladesh Sees 'Troubling' Rise In Cases Of Rape And Assault On Women

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Chief adviser Muhammad Yunus expressed strong concern over recent attacks on women in Bangladesh, describing them as a deviation from the country's vision. With increasing reports of sexual violence, including rape and harassment, human rights groups highlight growing lawlessness and a lack of accountability as key issues contributing to the crisis.

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DHAKA: Chief adviser Muhammad Yunus voiced strong concern over recent reports of attacks on women, calling them "deeply troubling" and a clear deviation from the vision of a "New Bangladesh" that the nation's people strive for.



# A city still asleep on women's safety

Chowdhury Naim Ahmed Mujib

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FOR most women, going out of the house requires a lot of planning. From crowded streets and public transport to workplaces, the challenges that women face in staying safe are constant and exhausting. Citizens now call for women's safety on the road and in public spaces. Everyone wants change. Women want to walk without the fear of being harassed or attacked.

There might be debates on the ways to measure how safe and liveable a city is, but there are certainly some indicators that are pretty reliable to measure whether a city is safe and liveable for its residents. For example, if a woman can walk alone and safely at night along a city road, it indicates that the city is safe in some respects — there is personal security for residents.



## Is women's safety issue being sidelined?

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We are worried about the lack of urgency with which the government seems to be approaching women's safety, despite reports of increasing harassment ranging from physical attacks to verbal abuse to online hate speech. It was only the other day that we commented on the stark findings of an advocacy forum relating to sexual violence, and how the tumultuous political developments of the past few months served to deflect attention away from these crimes. That has not changed yet. Women continue to be easy targets for harassment on the streets. But rarely has there been a strong public message or directive from the council of advisers or law enforcement authorities. This lack of messaging—coupled with still-inadequate police presence and insufficient legal action—is only emboldening potential harassers.



# *A Mob Attack on a Toppled Party Shows Bangladesh's Dangerous Vacuum*

A cycle of vengeance is playing out even as the interim government is trying to establish reforms and keep order.



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**New Delhi:** A [United Nations](#) report into the violence that roiled [Bangladesh](#) in mid-2024 - student protests over job quotas [forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to quit](#) and flee Dhaka (to India) - has said Hindus were among members of minority communities "subject to violent attacks by mobs".

Hindus make up an estimated eight per cent of Bangladesh's 17 crore-population.

These attacks, the report by the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) said, included burning of homes and some attacks on places of worship.

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## Deadly mob violence underscores Bangladesh's security breakdown

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Indigenous people chant slogans as they demand withdrawal of military from the Chittagong Hill Tracts following a clash between indigenous people, Bengalis and the military in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sept. 20, 2024.

WASHINGTON — A brutal mob lynching at Bangladesh's oldest university has put a spotlight on the country's crumbling law and order, just as its fledgling interim government tries to assert control and push through sweeping institutional reforms.

Late Wednesday, Tofazzal Hossein, a man known for struggling with mental health issues and roaming around the 102-year-old University of Dhaka, wandered into a residential hall.



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## At least 24 killed in hotel owned by Awami League leader in Bangladesh



Bangladesh: At least eight people killed, 84 others injured after hotel owned by Awami League leader set on fire in Jessore

### Synopsis

Shahin Chakladar, general secretary of Jashore district Awami League, owned the hotel targeted by arsonists. Deputy Commissioner Abrarul Islam confirmed the news of the arson attack. Two of the deceased were identified as Sejan Hossain (19) and Chayan (20). Harun-or-Rashid, a staffer at Jashore General Hospital, said that at least 84 people were undergoing treatment there, the majority of whom are students.

By ANI

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At least 24 people, including an Indonesian national, were burnt alive by a mob in **Bangladesh** at a starred hotel owned by a leader of **Awami League** party after its leader **Sheikh Hasina** resigned as prime minister and fled the country, local journalists and hospital sources said on Tuesday. The victims, mostly boarders, were burnt alive late on Monday night as the mob set afire Zabir International Hotel owned by district Awami League general secretary Shahin Chakkladar in Joshor district.

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## Houses of leaders of Awami League set on fire

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### Violence erupts again in Bangladesh



**Dhaka (Bangladesh)** – Violence has again struck Bangladesh. The protesters attacked and set houses of the leaders of the former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League Party on fire in more than 24 districts. Posters of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Awami League party, were destroyed. There are no signs of the end of the vandalism and arson that has been going on for the last two days in Bangladesh.

On 05.02.2025, the violence started at the time of an online address by Sheikh Hasina at night. Awami League leader Sheikh Salim's house in Dhaka was set on fire.

The house of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi-32 was burnt down. The house of Awami League's general secretary and former minister Obaidul Quader was attacked by the protesters and a car parked near his house was also set on fire.

A group of protesters set fire to the 3-storeyed house of former external minister Shahriar Alam at Chak Singh Mohalla in Bagha Hazila





## Why can't mob violence be contained?

Recent estimates show continued surge in mob beatings



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That mob violence continued unabated through March highlights, once again, the dangers of the business-as-usual approach the government appears to have adopted in response to this troubling trend. In fact, data from the human rights platform [Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation](#) (MSF) show that mob beatings more than doubled within a month—from 18 incidents in February to 39 in March. The number of people killed in such attacks also surged, from 8 to 13. While these estimates are more or less consistent with other [recent crime figures](#), the picture that emerges in relation to mob violence is quite concerning.





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# Bangladesh saw surge of mob killings in 2024: rights groups

*Dhaka (AFP)* – Mob killings in Bangladesh surged after the August revolution last year



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## AL leaders' houses set on fire in dists

Staff Correspondent

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*Agitated people demolish the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum building at Dhanmondi 32 in Dhaka on Thursday. | Md Saurav*

The houses of many leaders of the Awami League were vandalised and torched in different districts in the country on Thursday after a large number of people, including student protesters, had begun demolishing the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum building in the capital's Dhanmondi area Wednesday evening.

The members of law enforcement and security agencies played a silent role in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country during the vandalism.

## Pregnant Shahida, killed on Dhaka-Mawa highway, was shot with stolen police firearm: Munshiganj SP

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The foreign-made pistol used in the killing was one of the weapons that were looted from Dhaka's Wari Police Station on 5 August, said Munshiganj Superintendent of Police (SP) Muhammad Shamsul Alam Sarkar during a press briefing at his office this afternoon



Screengrab from CCTV shows Touhid Sheikh Tanmoy leading Shahida to the crime scene before brutally murdering her. Photo: Collected





Bangladesh

## 23 killed in political violence in March

12 others were killed in mob beatings, says rights group



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At least 23 people were killed and 733 more injured in over 97 incidents of political violence across the country last month, says a report of Human Rights Support Society (HRSS).



In a media release, HRSS yesterday said that at least 40 incidents of "mob beating" took place across the country in March, killing 12 people and injuring 44 others.



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## Bangladesh using controversial law to 'gag media, free speech'

*At least 20 journalists have been charged or arrested under a controversial law in the past one month.*



Kajol has been slapped with three cases under the DSA, a law rights bodies have described as 'draconian' [File: Munir Uz Zaman/AFP]



## PRESS FREEDOM

## Legal team files UN complaint over jailed Bangladeshi journalists

January 24, 2025 10:15 PM By [Liam Scott](#)



FILE – Journalists Shakil Ahmed, fifth from left, and Farzana Rupa, third from right, are pictured at a court in Dhaka, Aug. 22, 2024.

WASHINGTON — Amid the political chaos in Bangladesh in August that included the ouster of the country's prime minister, journalists Farzana Rupa and Shakil Ahmed were arrested at an airport in the capital, Dhaka, while attempting to travel to Paris.

More than 150 days have passed since then, and the married couple remains jailed in the South Asian country on accusations that their legal team rejects as politically motivated.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND JUSTICE SYSTEM NEWS

# More press freedom violations in Bangladesh although panel created to monitor harassment of journalists







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গতকাল বৃহস্পতিবার নিহত শিক্ষার্থীর বাবা মো. কামরুল ইসলাম বাদী হয়ে এই হত্যা মামলা করেন। মামলায় শেখ হাসিনাসহ একাধিক মন্ত্রী-এমপি, [আওয়ামী লীগ](#), যুবলীগ, ছাত্রলীগ, পুলিশ ও র্যাব কর্মকর্তার সঙ্গে ৭ সাংবাদিককেও আসামি করা হয়েছে।

তাঁরা হলেন—একাত্তর টিভির ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক মোজাম্মেল বাবু, একাত্তর টিভির সাবেক বার্তা প্রধান সৈয়দ ইশতিয়াক রেজা, সময় টিভির ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক ও সিইও আহমেদ জোবায়ের, [এটিএন](#) নিউজের সাবেক বার্তা প্রধান মুন্সী সাহা, একাত্তর টিভির প্রিন্সিপাল কorespondেন্ট ফারজানা রুপা, একাত্তর টিভির চাকরিচ্যুত হেড অব নিউজ শাকিল আহমেদ ও সাবেক প্রধানমন্ত্রীর প্রেস [সচিব](#) নাসিমুল ইসলাম খান।



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## 61 pro-AL lawyers sent to jail

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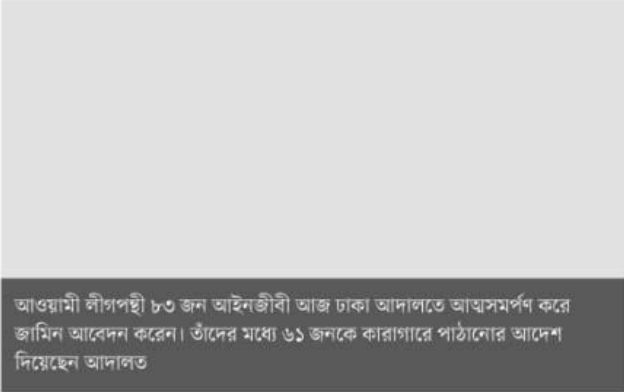
*A detained lawyer, linked to Bangladesh's former government, shouts outside a court in Dhaka on April 6, 2025. | AFP Photo*

A Dhaka court on Sunday sent to jail 61 pro-Awami League lawyers in a case lodged over assault, vandalising and attempt to murder allegedly committed during July-August mass uprising.

The court also allowed bail to 19 others, including former president of Dhaka Bar Association Abu Sayeed Sagar, in the case.







## বাংলাদেশ

### আওয়ামী লীগ সমর্থক ৬১ জন আইনজীবী কারাগারে

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সরকারবিরোধী আন্দোলনের সময় আইনজীবীদের মারধর ও হত্যাচেষ্টার মামলায় আওয়ামী লীগ সমর্থক ৬১ জন আইনজীবীকে কারাগারে পাঠানোর আদেশ দিয়েছেন আদালত। আর ঢাকা আইনজীবী সমিতির সাবেক সভাপতি আবু সাঈদ সাগর ও ১৮ নারী আইনজীবীকে জামিন দেওয়া হয়েছে।

ঢাকা মহানগর দায়রা জজ মো. জাকির হোসেন আজ রোববার এ আদেশ দেন। প্রথম আলোকে এ তথ্য নিশ্চিত করেছেন ঢাকা আইনজীবী সমিতির অ্যাডহক কমিটির সভাপতি ও বাদীপক্ষের আইনজীবী খোরশেদ আলম মিয়া।



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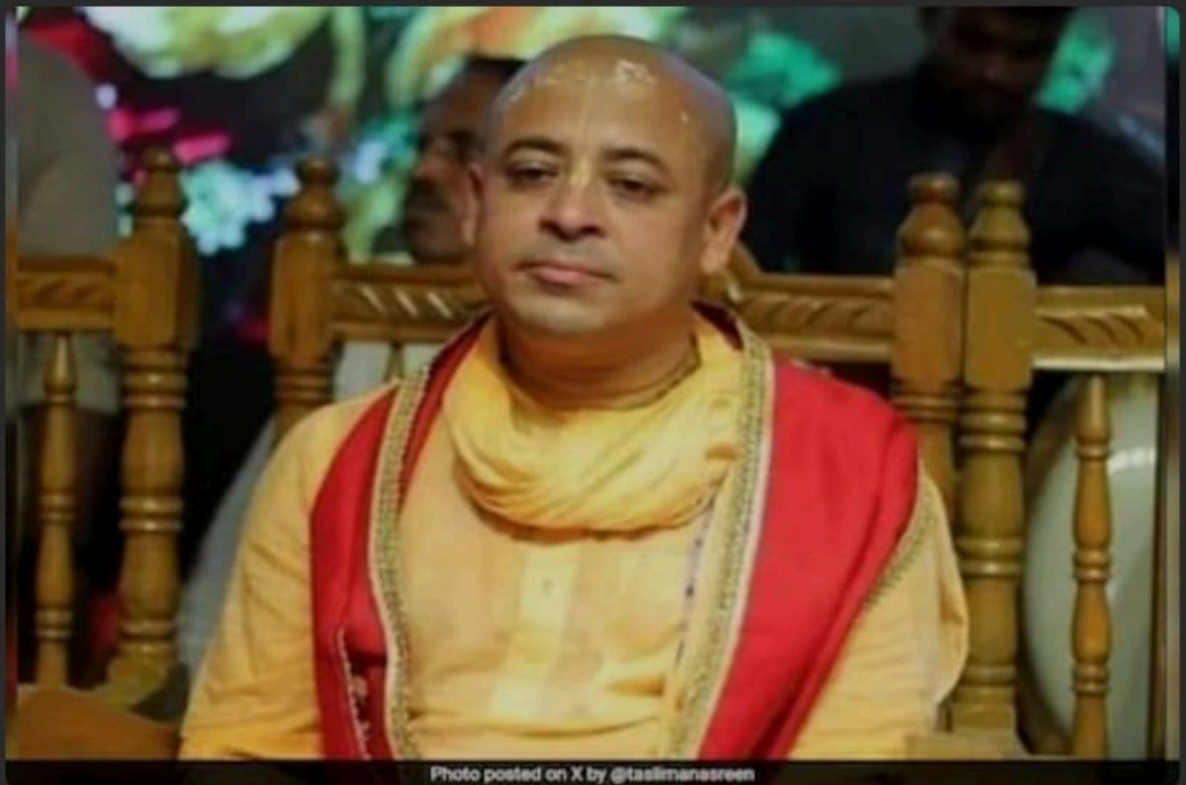


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Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari gained recognition for his skills as a child orator.

Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, a former ISKCON priest and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested on November 25 by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's detective branch. The Hindu monk and spiritual leader was arrested







## *Hindus in Bangladesh Face Attacks After Prime Minister's Exit*

There has long been a perception that the Hindu minority supports Sheikh Hasina, who resigned her post and fled the country after a popular uprising.



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## Three Hindu temples in Bangladesh's Chattogram vandalised

The attack took place around 2.30 p.m. in the port city's Harish Chandra Munsef Lane, where the Shantaneshwari Matri Temple, the nearby Shoni Temple, and the Shantaneshwari Kalibari Temple were targeted

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Three Hindu temples were vandalised by a slogan-shouting mob on Friday (November 29, 2024) in Bangladesh's Chattogram which has witnessed **protests and violence since a former ISKCON member was booked** under sedition charges.

## রায়েবাবে 'আন্দোলনের আড়ালে' পুলিশ হত্যা করে ঝুলিয়ে রাখে দুর্বিভরা

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ইবনে ফরহাদ তুরাগঃ এটি কোন মুভির দৃশ্য নয়, এটি একজন পুলিশ সদস্যকে হত্যা করে রায়েবাবা বিশ্বরোড সংলগ্ন ফুটওভার ব্রিজে ঝুলিয়ে রাখার দৃশ্য। সম্প্রতি কোটা সংস্কার আন্দোলনের আড়ালে সহিংসতা ছড়িয়ে রাজধানীর রায়েবাবা এলাকায় দুই পুলিশ সদস্যকে হত্যা করেছে দুর্বিভরা। নিহতরা হলেন ঢাকা মহানগর পুলিশের নায়েক গিয়াস উদ্দিন (৫৮) ও টুরিস্ট পুলিশের এএসআই মোহাম্মদ মুক্তাদির (৫০)।

ঘটনা সূত্রে জানা যায়, ১৯ জুলাই (বৃহসপতিবার) রাত সাড়ে ১১টায় রায়েবাবা বিশ্বরোড দিয়ে যাওয়ার সময় এক মোটরসাইকেল আরোহীকে তাড়া করে আন্দোলনকারীদের আড়ালে থাকা দুর্বিভরা। তাদের তাড়া খেয়ে মোটরসাইকেল আরোহী রাস্তার পাশে পরে গেলে সাথে থাকা ব্যাগ তল্লাশি করে পুলিশের পোশাক ও আইডি কার্ড দেখতে পায়। তখন তারা পুলিশ পুলিশ বলে চিৎকার করে। তাদের চিৎকারে আশপাশের অনেকে সেখানে জড়ো হয়। এ সময় তাদের হাতে থাকা হকিস্টিক, বাঁশ, লাঠি ইত্যাদি দিয়ে ওই পুলিশ সদস্যকে মারতে থাকে। ঘটনাস্থলেই পুলিশ সদস্যের মৃত্যু ঘটে। তার মৃতদেহ নিয়ে তারা উল্লাসে মেতে উঠে। পুলিশের মোটরসাইকেলটিতেও তারা অগ্নিসংযোগ করে পুড়িয়ে দেয়। পুলিশের এই সদস্য নায়েক গিয়াস উদ্দিন (৫৮) ঢাকা মহানগর পুলিশের নায়েক হিসেবে কর্মরত ছিলেন।

পরের দিন ২০ জুলাই (শনিবার) সকালেও একই ঘটনার পুনরাবৃত্তি ঘটে। শনিবার সকালে ডিউটিতে যাওয়ার সময় এই পুলিশ সদস্যকে গতিরোধ করে পিটিয়ে হত্যা করে দুর্বিভরা। এরপর সেই লাশ নিয়ে ফুটওভার ব্রিজে ঝুলিয়ে রেখে আনন্দ উল্লাসে মেতে উঠে। প্রত্যক্ষদর্শীরা জানায়, ওই এলাকায় মোটরসাইকেলে করে সাদা পোশাকে একজন ব্যক্তিকে আসতে দেখে হামলাকারীরা





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## 13 policemen killed as Sirajganj's Enayetpur police station attacked

Another policeman killed in Cumilla

Staff Correspondent

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Fourteen police including, 13 at Enayetpur police station in Sirajganj, were killed on Sunday amid clashes flaring up across the country on the first day of non-cooperation programme announced by the Student Movement Against Discrimination pressing for its one-point demand for the resignation of the government led by prime minister Sheikh Hasina.



## 13 policemen beaten to death in attack on police station in Sirajganj

Tribune Desk

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Thirteen police officers were killed in an attack on Enayetpur police station in Sirajganj during an ongoing non-cooperation movement on Sunday, the police headquarters confirmed.

According to police sources, some individuals attacked the police station in the afternoon. They entered the station, committed acts of vandalism and set fires.

They also beat 13 on-duty police officers to death. However, their identities remain unknown.

Meanwhile, the public relations division of the police headquarters said terrorists had attacked several police stations across the country, including Jatrabari and Khilgaon police stations under the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), Gorai highway police station in Tangail, Sherpur police station in Bogra, Joypurhat Sadar police station in Joypurhat, Eliotganj highway police station in Comilla, Ashuganj police station in Brahmanbaria, and Shahjadpur police station in Sirajganj, as well as the offices of the superintendents of police in Narayanganj, Bogra, Pabna and Sirajganj.

The police headquarters also reported that over 300 officers had been injured.

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At least 44 policemen were killed in the violence that hit Bangladesh during the massive quota reform protests that led to prime minister Sheikh Hasina's ouster, the police said on Sunday.

Hasina, 76, resigned and fled to India on August 5 following the massive protest by students against a controversial quota system in government jobs.

The media wing of the police headquarters said that 44 police personnel were killed in the conflict, leading Bengali-language newspaper Prothom Alo reported.

The reported deaths of the police officers took place between July 20 and August 14, it said.

The report said that 25 police personnel were killed on the day Hasina fled to India -- the highest number of policemen deaths recorded during the conflicts -- while 15 others died the previous day on August 4.



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## Is Bangladesh the next Afghanistan?

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Jamaat-e-Islami, the country's largest Islamist party whose Pakistani offshoot is one of that country's most radical parties, is quickly consolidating control over Bangladesh. In the first weeks following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina and her secular Awami League, Jamaat-e-Islami staged programs against religious minorities and prominent liberals. It openly seeks to convert Hindus and Christians under threat of death. Today, with Bangladesh outside the headlines, at least in the West, it is transforming the country of 175 million people into a safe haven for a number of terrorist groups, many of which make Al Qaeda look positively liberal.

Just as their counterparts a quarter century ago, American journalists and national security officials have difficulty sorting through rapidly proliferating Islamist groups. There is Harakat-ul-Jihad-ul-Islami-Bangladesh, for example, that strengthens its links to Pakistan-sponsored terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, the group responsible for the 2008 Mumbai Attacks. Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh uses its new safe-haven to plot attacks against India. An offshoot, Neo-Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, recruits fighters to supplement the Islamic State in Syria, and targets not only religious minorities but also foreigners inside Bangladesh.

The new Bangladeshi regime has also sprung Hizb-ul-Tahrir and Khulafat-e-Majlis terrorists from prison.

Bangladesh today is like Afghanistan in 2000. Khulafat-e-Majlis, Arah's Dai, and Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh now coalesce under Heelzati-e-Islam to establish Islamic law throughout Bangladesh under the banner, "Bangladesh will become Afghanistan, and we will become Taliban."

Bin Laden could risk terror upon New York and Washington because both Clinton and Bush dropped the ball. Joe Biden and Donald Trump now revise those roles by ignoring Bangladesh's rapid descent into a terrorist hell. The chief difference is that a terror base in Bangladesh could be more dangerous for two reasons. First, Bangladesh is one of the world's densest countries. Targeting terrorists in caves and mountains is tough; routing them out from urban slums is exponentially more difficult. Second, while Afghanistan was landlocked, Bangladesh borders the world's most populous country and has an outlet to the sea.

It is time to designate and shut down the Islamic State's new emirate before it further consolidates.





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**Dhaka:** Around 700 Bangladeshi prison inmates were still on the run after mass jailbreaks over the summer during the student-led revolution that ousted autocratic ex-prime minister Sheikh Hasina, authorities said Wednesday.

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Prisons chief Syed Mohammad Motaher Hossain told reporters that around 1,500 of that number had since been captured, with the remainder still at large.



# Meet the 'brains' behind movement that led to former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's ouster

Dr Yunus claimed that the widespread movement in Bangladesh did not 'just suddenly' come up, they were 'meticulously' designed, as he lauded their leadership pattern.

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Mahfuz Alam (extreme left) shares the staged with Muhammad Yunus (centre) Credit: X/@PREMIUMERZA

Bangladesh's interim government advisor Dr Muhammad Yunus in his address at the Clinton Global Initiative introduced the 'brains' behind the movement that led to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina.

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# Bangladesh has limited time to choose between anarchy and democracy

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*Muhammad Yunus is at best a useful idiot for Jamaat-e-Islami and other war criminals; at worst, he is also a pawn for the Chinese. Either way, he today betrays Bangladesh, its traditional secularism, and its minority population. Time is running out for Bangladeshis to choose on their own; whether in Islamabad, Beijing, or New Delhi, the choice may soon be made for them.*

When Egyptians poured into the streets in 2011 to demand President Hosni Mubarak’s ouster, they sought democracy and opportunity. Mubarak was a dictator, even if he pretended otherwise. Many Egyptians also resented the influence of the military in the country’s economy. Young Egyptians, unemployed and underemployed, did not feel merit mattered and that the state treated them fairly.

When Mubarak resigned, Egyptians hoped for a new beginning. During its decades in opposition, the Muslim Brotherhood had perfected the rhetoric of democracy. They used academics and think tank analysts to launder their image in the West, but behind the scenes, the Muslim Brotherhood was as dictatorial and ideological as ever. “Listen and repeat” was its mantra when young democracy-focused activists attended its meetings. They accepted no discussion. The Muslim Brotherhood activists, who had worked secretly for decades, had an ideological, religious objective, and they did not want democracy to get in its way.

The Muslim Brotherhood rule ended after just a year not simply because Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Armed Forces, ousted President and Muslim Brotherhood affiliate Mohamed Morsi but because the millions of young people who forced Mubarak’s ouster returned to the streets when they recognised that Morsi had played them for fools. What Western diplomats called a coup, many Egyptians considered a revolution.

There are certain parallels to Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina grew more autocratic during her last 15 years in power. Brute force backfired as she failed to keep quota reform protests from escalating. Muhammad Yunus, the chief adviser of Bangladesh, may not himself be an Islamist, but whether due to ego, naivety, or his own personal animosity toward the Awami League, he provides cover for Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami whose agenda has less to do with democracy than with social transformation.

Here, too, there is a parallel to Iran. A full ten per cent of the Iranian public participated in the 1979 protests against the Shah. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was careful in his interviews prior to his return to Iran to speak the language of



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# Will There Be a Coup in Bangladesh?

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On August 5, 2024, Bangladesh’s Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country as protests accelerated and turned violent.

Violence was not unidirectional, but Sheikh Hasina’s efforts to crush the protests backfired. Protest leaders appointed octogenarian Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus to act as caretaker. Yunus is a popular figure among Western diplomats and within international organizations.

Inside Bangladesh, however, he is more controversial. He harbored a deep grudge against Sheikh Hasina and her secular Awami League party, especially after a judicial probe into corruption at the Grameen Bank.

In some ways, he is analogous to Paul Rusesabagina, the hotelier made famous in the film “Hotel Rwanda” who let fame go to his head and then [waged a terror campaign](#) in pursuit of his own political ambitions in Rwanda.

Yunus promotes a narrative that the protests were organic; this is doubtful. While some students and civil society activists [opposed](#) civil service quota reforms and set-asides for family members of veterans of the 1971 fight for independence, others with external support sought to destabilize the country and overturn the secularism which has largely defined Bangladesh’s government since its independence from Pakistan.

Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency has harbored a grudge against Bangladesh for both its traditional diplomatic proximity to India and its hostility toward Jamaat-e-Islami, an [extremist group](#) complicit in the [1971 Bangladesh Genocide](#).

At best, Yunus today is a useful idiot like Abolhassan Bani Sadr was in [Iran](#). Bani Sadr was a left-of-center economist who joined Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini’s Islamic Revolution and carried water for Khomeini’s claims that he merely wanted to oust an undemocratic shah and was interested in democracy. As soon as Khomeini consolidated power—as Jamaat-e-Islami does today—he exiled Bani Sadr.

At worse, however, Bani Sadr is willingly complicit in Jamaat-e-Islami’s attempt to recraft Bangladesh’s society. Rather than crack down on those launching pogroms against minorities, Yunus arrests Awami League politicians like Fazle Karim Chowdhury and veteran journalists like Farzana Rupa and Shakil Ahmed, among more than 900 others, many of whom now face spurious murder charges for daring to raise questions about the autocratic Yunus. Growing evidence that Yunus’ complicity goes beyond naivete explains why lawyers now [consider](#) an International Criminal Court referral.



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"[They] got \$29 million. They got a cheque. Can you imagine you have a little firm, you get \$10,000 here, \$10,000 there. And then we get \$29 million from the United States government. They had two people working in that firm," he said yesterday (21 February).

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